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## President's Message

I have just received new membership cards and have started preparing the 2013 membership cards and I should have them ready in time to send out with the July bulletin and at the convention or by mail to individuals who do not receive a hard copy or who do not usually attend the convention. If you have queries re your membership status you can contact me by mail, at **Al Munro**, Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by e-mail at wood5cents@shaw.ca.

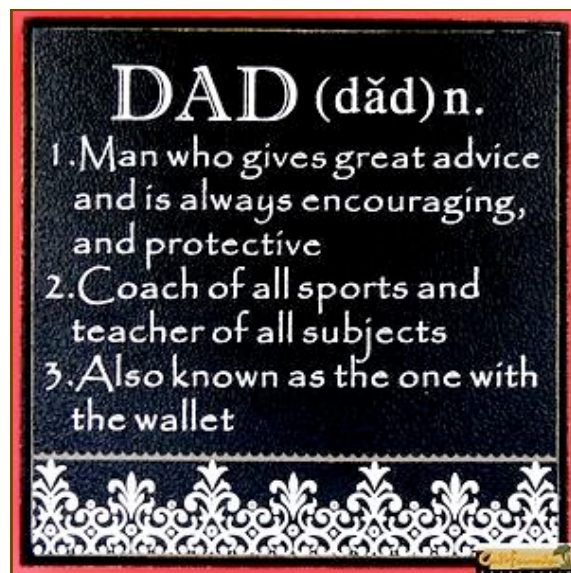
June is upon us and July is fast approaching. It is not too long before we meet at our annual meeting held in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba hosted by the Manitoba Coin Club. This year our annual C.A.W.M.C. breakfast meeting will again be on the Saturday of the convention. We are keeping the breakfast cost the same as last year. This event will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors and do some friendly trading. **Marion** and I are driving down and I plan on bringing some trading material. If you are planning to attend and have not done so, please make your reservations quickly. Also, if you plan on issuing a "wood" for this convention please order them now to give the manufacturers sufficient time to produce your order for you. And please plan on bringing some extra wood for our friendly auction after the meeting.

This year is an election year and a nomination form is in this bulletin. If you know someone who would make a good officer or governor of this organization, please contact them to obtain permission and then contact **Norm Belsten** as instructed on the nomination form. In view of the late date contact **Norm** by phone or e-mail and follow up by ordinary mail. **Norm's** phone number is 905-868-9187 and his e-mail is nbelsten@sympatico.ca. Our annual meeting is an opportunity to honour members who have put forth extraordinary effort to support our hobby. If you would like to nominate someone as a potential recipient of an award please advise me at one of the contact points shown above.

Your editor has used up the supply of articles members sent her, and is hoping to receive another group before our July issue. We would also like to see some members who haven't submitted before (or for a number of years) submit something. It takes a village to keep the newsletter appealing for all!

Good luck in your collecting activities.

Al Munro





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## Becker Was An Honest Dealer!

From Toronto Star Lives Lived column  
 February 1998:

Collector extraordinaire, historian, **Larry Becker** died of pancreatic cancer in Kettleby (Ontario) on Feb. 20, 1998, aged 58. **Larry** was a large man with a large and caring heart. He was known to many through his business, **Larry Becker's Collectible Warehouse**, as a avid collector and custodian of artifacts precious to a special genre of historians.

**Larry** was one of those unforgettable characters you read about but rarely meet. Pickwickian in stature, opinionated about an eclectic range of topics from psychics to politics, **Larry** could always be found at his place of business talking with cronies. Some considered him a pack rat — not so. In **Larry's** hands, something would become a collectible because he made it so. A pair of Blue Jays tickets, a Maple Leafs hockey program, a notice of an art show at Toronto's City Hall, a pamphlet off the hook above the back door of a bus, an old Toronto Transit Commission token. These became treasures to **Larry**. He made them collector's items by placing them in his collection.

**Larry** amassed an enormous collection of Toronto artifacts over 40 years, first by saving things that were special to him, and later by buying items from people who brought them to his store. He had a acute sense of history and realized the special link he made between past and future by acquiring these items.

He had a reputation for scrupulous honesty and he maintained his business to this exacting standard. His inability to tell a lie was legendary to those who knew and loved him, and his customers trusted him implicitly. It is said he overpaid students who brought items to him so that they would be better able to afford their education. He loaned money to almost complete strangers, reflecting his belief in the basic honesty of people.

**Larry** started collecting at age 10 when his parents gave him a tin cigar box full of coins his grandfather had saved. There was nothing particularly valuable, some old George V pennies, a number of American Indian-head cents and some ancient Spanish coins. But **Larry** treasured and sort those coins, developing an intense interest in collecting.

After Teacher's College and several years teaching school in Welland (Ontario), **Larry** open North Toronto Coins at 3234 Yonge Street in 1965. (It was the first of three North York stores he presided over.) So was born the **Larry Becker Collection of Toronto Artifacts**, which grew to include many time-frozen items that collectively defined life in this city over more than a century. His collection focused on TTC and CNE memorabilia but also included military and police items as well as site maps and





deeds from hundreds of years ago.

Always at his store, until his last illness, **Larry** never heeded advice to stay home to look after himself. About a year ago (1997), after buying a country home large enough to house his collection, **Larry** began to consider retirement. He had planned to stay at home a few days a week to sort and catalogue his treasures in an act of love and caring he felt he owed his collection. Unfortunately, he never lived to fulfill his dream.

Six months and two days before he died, **Larry** was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He faced his diagnosis with disarming determination and courage, spending most of the remainder of his life in and out of hospital, suffering much pain and indignity. Two weeks before the end, we took **Larry** home to his wife, **Rose**, his three children, **Diana**, **Leslie** and **Elizabeth**, his three German shepherds, his cat, his two birds and, of course, his personal treasures. Even the nurses, who took such good care of him, wept when **Larry** passed...

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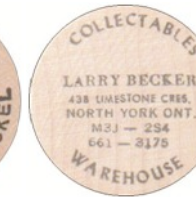
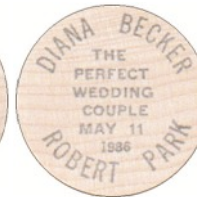
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Collecting Toronto: *Through the Eye of Larry Becker* - In 1999, the City of Toronto acquired one of the largest and most valuable private collections ever assembled to document the history and culture of Toronto. Donated to the City by **Mrs. Rose Becker**, the **Larry Becker Collection** consists of over 20 inter-related collections, containing thousands of postcards, documents, photographs, pamphlets, newspapers, maps, medals, artifacts and diverse ephemera created between about 1800 and 1997. The City of Toronto Archives is responsible for everything except about 4,000 medals, badges, bottles and other artifacts cared for by the City's Culture Division.

The Market Gallery



By April 2002, enough of the collection had been processed to enable a 6-month-long exhibition of over 500 items to be displayed at *The Market Gallery* in Toronto.

This virtual exhibition is based on that show, *Collecting Toronto: Through the Eyes of Larry Becker*.

Researchers interested in viewing the extensive, and still growing, archival holdings are invited to visit the City of Toronto Archives at 255 Spadina Road.



COIN WORLD, V

**Firm issues wood**

Wooden nickel issued by Larry Becker of North Toronto Collectibles is available for \$1 each, or a dozen for \$10, from the firm at 3234 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4N 2L4; (416) 489-5949. The collectibles shop is a division of North Toronto Coins Ltd.

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- 1st. No license shall be issued to any child under eight years of age.
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Fonds has been acquired from **Larry Becker's** widow, beginning shortly after his death.

Fonds consists of a wide range of records documenting the history of Toronto, Ontario, Canada between about 1800 and 1998, as well as the nature of collecting and collectors. Among the records included are about 23 m (or about 90 boxes) of diverse textual records that range from parchment property records and rare books to early Toronto newspapers and diverse Toronto business catalogues; about 1,300 photographs that range from 1870s albumen prints of life at Fort York and late nineteenth century cartes-de-visite to amateur snapshots of twentieth century life; about 6,500, mostly Edwardian, postcards; about 4,000 transit tickets and transfers documenting public transit from horse-drawn streetcars to late-twentieth century subways; about 170 prints and posters, mostly from diverse publications such as Canadian Illustrated News in the 1870s and Picturesque Canada in 1882; about 300 philatelic records postmarked from 1832 York to 1990s Toronto; about 300 Victorian chromolithographic advertising cards; about 115, mostly Edwardian, advertising blotters; about 200 mid-twentieth advertising matchbooks; and extensive, diverse ephemera.

Following **Mr. Becker's** collecting habits, the materials are arranged into 16 series according to format (e.g., photographs, postcards, stamps, prints & drawings, newspapers) and/or according to subject matter (e.g., sports, militaria, education, property records, advertising). Material is still being acquired and processed, so this description will change over time.

Fonds is comprised of the following series: Series 306, **Larry Becker** sports collection. – 1869-1997 Series 327, **Larry Becker** photographs. – [ca. 1850-1990] Series 329, **Larry Becker** property records. – 1824-1991, predominant 1824-1910 Series 330, **Larry Becker** postcards. – [189-]-[199-], predominant 1905-1930 Series 340, **Larry Becker** militaria. – 1857-1996 Series 470, **Larry Becker** advertising collections. – [188-]-[199-], predominant 1885-1925 Series 496, **Larry Becker** prints, drawings, and documentary art. – 1870-1997 Series 546, **Larry Becker** philately. – 1832-1990 Series 547, **Larry Becker** public transportation collection. – 1880-1995 Series 600, **Larry Becker** education collection. – 1826-1996 Series 636, **Larry Becker** atlases, plans and maps. – 1800-1990 Series 640, **Larry Becker** broadsides, posters and handbills. – 1892-1994 Series 654, **Larry Becker** library and rare books. – 1833-1997 Series 655, **Larry Becker** newspapers. – 1838-1996 Series 682, **Larry Becker** business records. – 1882-1997 Series 756, **Larry Becker** Canadian National Exhibition collection. – 1864-1997

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Well-known Toronto coin dealer Larry Becker, for many years the proprietor of North Toronto Coins on Yonge St., has relocated.

Becker has opened a spacious office, customer lounge and warehouse under the name Larry Becker's Collectibles Warehouse at 438 Limestone Cres., North York (one block from the Steeles West bus stop). Limestone turns into Shale Gate which intersects Steeles Ave. W. between Allan Rd. and Keele St.

#### Interesting store

Becker's store has always been one of Toronto's most interesting numismatic and collectibles outlets — a miniature historical museum. In fact, Becker's own collection of Toronto-related treasures, both numismatic and general, was on display all last summer at the Marine Museum in Exhibition Park to honor the city's sesquicentennial.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, and Wednesday through Saturday, and all his friends and customers are welcome to visit. The Collectibles Warehouse may be reached by telephone at 661-3175.

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## *Collecting Becker!* from City of Toronto Archives

**Larry Becker's** collecting was closely connected to both his personal and professional lives, each giving shape and sustenance to the other. At first, his interests – like those of innumerable other young hobbyists – focused on familiar items, like coins and cards. Later, his interests both broadened and deepened: he began to focus his personal collecting on Toronto, and he opened a series of stores devoted to selling coins and collectibles.

Born just before the outbreak of World War II (born in Toronto on July 14, 1939 in Toronto), **Larry Becker** grew up in central Toronto near Dundas and Ossington, where his father ran a cigar store next to the Lakeview Lunch, bought war stamps, and volunteered as an air warden in A.R.P. Around 1948, the family moved north to the Vaughan and Oakwood area where **Larry** and his younger brother **Harold** attended Rawlinson Public School and Vaughan Road Collegiate. After high school, **Larry** attended Lakeshore Teachers' College, married fellow-teacher **Rose Weber** in 1961, and taught primary school in Welland, Ontario, before returning to Toronto in June 1965 to start collecting for profit (his businesses) and posterity (his Toronto collection). From 1965 to 1996, the growing **Becker** family lived at 25 Lesgay Crescent in North York, where **Becker's** personal collection not only was established, but also came to dominate the domestic environment – covering every horizontal surface available, including chairs, tables, sofas, and floors. “We lost the battle” against clutter, **Rose Becker** has often commented, although **Larry's** collection also transformed their home into a fascinating, mini-museum of Toronto. In December 1996, the **Beckers** moved to a larger place in the Kettleby countryside where **Larry** had planned to retire and work on his collection. Sadly, that plan was never realized since **Larry Becker** died on February 20, 1998.

**Becker's** life as a collector began early. Around the time he became a cub scout in the mid-1940s, young **Larry** began collecting the coins and postcards that became centrepieces of his personal and professional collecting lives. Both his father and grandfather had been small-scale collectors. If there is a gene for collecting, **Larry Becker** inherited it. When given an old cigar tin containing George V pennies, **Becker** began the coin collection that grew into a business. A few years later, when given some postcards stamped 1908, **Larry** became so fascinated by the crowds and pre-TTC streetcars rattling along King Street that he began the postcard collection that became a focus of his private collection. Even before entering high school, therefore, **Becker** was primed to become a collector. After reading Edwin C. Guillet's *Toronto: From Trading Post to Great City* during high school, adolescent **Larry** was hooked on Toronto's history. Thirty years later, **Larry Becker** received a Bicentennial Medal to recognize his collecting and promoting of Toronto's history.

On the homefront, **Becker** documented his family's history with the same energy and tenacity that he applied to his Toronto collection, as is illustrated by his speech to **Diana** on her wedding day, and the records related to his father and other family members ... including the dogs. In 1965, **Larry Becker**, with the active assistance of his wife **Rose**, opened the first of three businesses: North Toronto Coins at 3234 Yonge Street, which dealt in coins, medals, tokens, and related numismatics. After immersing himself in the world of coin collecting, **Becker** saw the amazing range of other materials available on the market. He soon branched out into postcards and “collectibles”, started his personal collection, and opened North Toronto Collectibles as a division of North Toronto Coins. According to an early ad, North Toronto Collectibles specialized in Canadiana and stocked a “fascinating, ever changing array” of collectibles, including: militaria, badges, medals, insignia, police, fire, security, documents, books, publications, world coins, paper money, stamps, envelopes, maps, old postcards, old advertising items, transportation (trains, ships, aircraft), tokens, timetables, license plates, photographs, bottles, embossed bottles, magazines, toys – and more, much, much more!

While **Larry** did all the research, purchasing, pricing, an display, **Rose** helped with the accounting, advertising, marketing, and sales – including doing the rounds of coin shows, military shows, toy shows, paper shows, and other collectibles shows. Professional organizations are an important part of being a dealer and contributing to the profession. **Larry**, therefore, was an active member of many groups, including, the Toronto Postcard Club, the Toronto Coin Club, the Canadian and American Numismatic Associations, the Military Collectors' Club of Canada, and the Ephemera Society of Canada.

After 20 years in collectibles, **Becker** relocated and renamed his business, opening **Larry Becker's Collectibles Warehouse** at 438 Limestone Crescent in 1985, and at 45 Brisbane around 1995. There, accompanied by his dogs and his enthusiasm, **Larry Becker** continued buying, selling, and discussing collectibles – some of which found their way into his personal Toronto collection.

Although **Becker** used the same skills for both his businesses and his private collecting, and did offer some Toronto items for sale, he kept the best Toronto items for his private collection, often replacing lesser items with better items and offering the lesser items for sale. After his death, the business was dispersed, but the all-important Toronto collection was kept intact and given to the people of Toronto.



## Larry's speech at Diana's wedding:

Now to the new member of our family — Rob — Mazel Tov — you are now part of the family — like it or not! I am speaking now, Rob from the heart — to welcome you son into the Becker family. As many of you may be aware, I have waited a long time to have a son around the house and Rob now you are the chosen one. After the honeymoon, I have a list of things for you and I to catch up on! Now we have that extra set of strong young hands which we need so much.

And Rob, Rose and I feel confident that you are the finest choice Diana could find, and we feel confident that you feel the same way about Diana. That's real love. I, along with my wife, take this opportunity to tell you how pleased we are with you, as Diana's love, and we are delighted to welcome you, son, into our family with open arms. I am proud to have you carry on the family line as part of our Jewish heritage. Any, grandchildren will be most gratefully received!!! And by the same token Rob, we both officially wish you and Diana much happiness, love, and success and good health in the coming years. Please call on us for anything or for any reason, Rob, as part of your family.

Rob, let me tell you a bit of our heritage — our family's and our descendants.

As many of you may know the Becker line in Toronto goes back to 1904 when Joseph Becker came to Toronto, age 29, from Odessa, Russia in the Ukraine. I have in my hand his original passport and PERMIT for BRIT NILLAH (circumcision certificate) dated Odessa July 1, 1875 and stamped by the chief official Rabbi of Odessa #577.

The passport reads as follows (through translation) the bearer of this permit OSIP ABRAMOVICH SHEFERO BEKER is leaving the country for emigration having paid 50 RUBLES for free movement and travel. This was a enormous amount of money...

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## LARRY BECKER:



### Toronto's King-pin of Collectibles

Larry Becker walks through his store, surrounded by thousands of collectibles. He is a man of many interests, and his store is a treasure trove of items. He has been collecting for many years, and his collection is one of the most extensive in the city. He is a man of many interests, and his store is a treasure trove of items. He has been collecting for many years, and his collection is one of the most extensive in the city.

Started collecting at the age of eight, Larry Becker has a vast collection of items. He is a man of many interests, and his store is a treasure trove of items. He has been collecting for many years, and his collection is one of the most extensive in the city.

"People think everyone is out to rip them off. People are so busy. It's a different world," Becker said. It is these differences that have really attracted the collector. Becker, who has been collecting for many years, has a vast collection of items. He is a man of many interests, and his store is a treasure trove of items. He has been collecting for many years, and his collection is one of the most extensive in the city.

### The small store was so full you could hardly move

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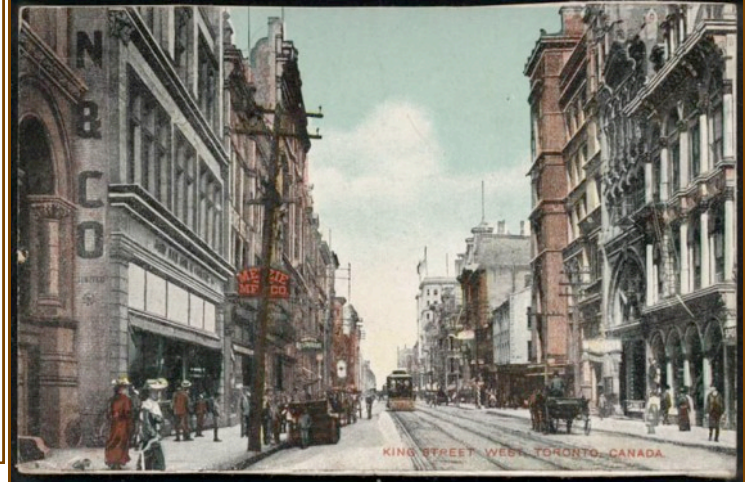
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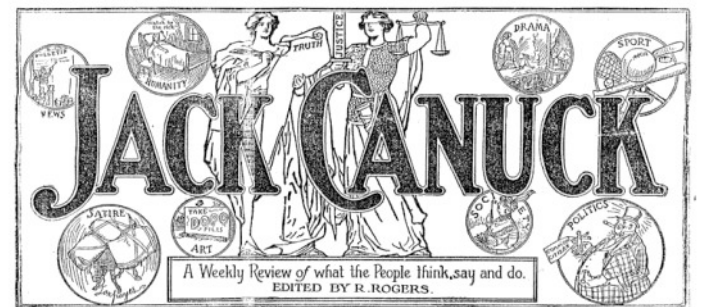
Portrait of Lord William of Rosslyn, 18th century.

Pinocchio picture puzzle, 19th century.

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## How to Contact Barry!

Barry Uman would like to advise CAWMC members his e-mail address has changed. Please use clarinets@videotron.ca to reach him. Barry is also a member of the Lakeshore Coin Club having joined that group in 1970. Did you know he plays for the Les Ouellettes in the Richard Division of the Old-timers Hockey Teams?



## Creemore's 25th!

Free Wood of the Month of June 2013 reported by **Ross Kingdon**

We can thank **Dave Gillespie** for acquiring enough of these woods for our free wood of the month. An article regarding this wood, which I (**Ross**) discovered last summer, was written on pages 4,5 and 6 of our Volume 38, Issue 8, August 2012 Timber Talk. This



wood was issued by *Creemore Springs Brewery Limited* for their 25th Anniversary and they handed it out August 25th, 2012, at the "Copper Kettle Festival". After reading the article, **Dave** visited the brewery and was able to talk the lady in charge that particular day, into giving him enough for all our members.

The wood has since been catalogued as #5205-003 under Creemore in **Norm's** catalogue. It, of course, is black on both sides and is 38mm in diameter. Whether they will be used again this year for the 2013 *Copper Kettle Festival*, I don't know.

Thank you **Dave** for taking the time to do this for our club!



Here's **Jared Stapleton** (*Toronto Coin Expo*) showing the 4 woods that will be given out. One will be given on May 31, the next June 1, the next Oct. 4 and the next Oct. 5. Each day of the Coin Expo is a different wood and only to the first 50 (will go past 50 people only if one of the first 50 decline the wood). You must attend all 4 days to get all 4 woods.



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## 2013 ONA Convention Woods! shared by Norm Belsten

Here are the woods issued at the 2013 ONA Convention. The 5490-071 to 5490-075 are 38mm, and 5490-076 to 5490-079 are 45mm. The ONA registration kits contained two woods, 5294-034 CWW Lucky Dollar which is 38mm, and **Judy Blackman's** flat 5924-131 which was our CAWMC April 2013 'Featured Wood of the Month'.

5490-077



5294-034



5490-078



5490-071



5490-079



5490-072



5924-131



5490-073



5490-074



5490-075



5490-076





## More of Berlin (Ontario)

April 2013 ONA Woods recognized "Berlin" (now Kitchener) and Medals Featured Berlin Train Station.

THE BERLIN CIGAR, Trimmed nailed wood box (50), Factory 8 IRD 28 Circa 1897, Von Neubronn & Co., Berlin (Kitchener), Ont., CMC 2004.38.18. In 1916, the prosperous southwestern Ontario city of Berlin was Canada's centre of German population (mostly descendents of settlers from Pennsylvania) and German culture. With anti-German sentiment running high during World War I, the city was pressured into changing its name. The choice was "Kitchener," after the British Secretary of State for War who had just lost his life on a diplomatic mission to Russia. There are cigar boxes from the town in this era in which a small label saying "Kitchener" has been pasted over the original "Berlin", and a Berlin (Ontario) City Celebration token.



## NRB Solved!

Last Timber Talk issue there was a call to identify what was *N.R.B. Investments*, and this was solved at the ONA Convention, when **Norm Belsten** confirm he's is **Norm R. Belsten** and *N.R.B. Investments Limited* is one and the same. The 5909-021A (with phone #) is 1986 qty 350 Red / Blue 38mm, and the 5909-021B (without phone #) is 1988 350 Red / Blue 38mm.

In 1998 this wood was issued to recognize **Norm's** 65th Birthday, that means 2013 is his 80th! Will we be favoured this summer with a special birthday to recognize **Norm's** big event?



## Unique Wood Projects!

There is a new television woodworking show where the producers travel the world looking for unique wood projects that people have taken on.

Here's a few examples...





## Nomination Form for July 2013 to July 2015 Officers and Governors

Please ensure that if you are nominating somebody, that you have confirmed their willingness to stand BEFORE submitting your nomination form. Nomination forms should be sent to **Norm Belsten** so as to reach him BEFORE **June 15th, 2013**. If more than one person nominated for a position, we will then send out Election Ballot Forms in our July 2013 Timber Talk (or by separate e-mail). At our Annual Meeting during the RCNA Convention (July 24-27th, 2013) in Winnipeg, Manitoba, we will call for a motion to confirm the Officers and Governors. All executive positions are up for re-election as indicated below:

### MAKE YOUR NOMINATION(S) BELOW:

I would like to nominate the following CAWMC current members as indicated beside the position below [PLEASE PRINT THE PERSON(S) FULL NAMES]:

For President: \_\_\_\_\_

For Vice-President: \_\_\_\_\_

For Secretary-Treasurer / Membership Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

For Board of Governors:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

The above person(s) were nominated by: (print YOUR name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ SIGN YOUR NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan and e-mail to [nbelsten@sympatico.ca](mailto:nbelsten@sympatico.ca) or send by Canada Post mail service to Mr. **Norm Belsten**, 86 Hamilton Drive, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 3E8, Canada. MUST reach NORM by **June 15th, 2013**. ONLY those nomination forms SIGNED by the nominator, will be accepted.

